

SRI M. M. J. SADYOJATHA (Minister for Transport and Minor Irrigation).—

(a) No.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise in view of replies (a) and (b) above.

Lathi-charge by the police on Women Bidi Workers at Nippani

(315) **SRI B.B. SAYANAK** (Belgaum).—Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state:—

(a) whether there was lathi-charge by the police on Women Bidi workers at Nippani in Belgaum District on 13-11-1980;

(b) if so, the number of Women workers severely beaten by the police;

(c) the number of cases filed by the police on women workers and their leaders?

SRI R. GUNDU RAO (Chief Minister).—

(a) In order to control an extremely unruly mob the police was forced to resort to a lathi charge on the mob which consisted largely of agitating beedi workers.

(b) No woman worker was severely beaten by the police. During the lathi charge, three women workers received simple injuries.

(c) Only three cases were filed by the police against 16 workers and their leaders out of which 3 were female workers.

Calling Attention to a Matter of urgent Public Importance.

Re :—Failure of Paddy Crops in Tumkur District due to supply of defective Jaya seeds by the Karnataka Seeds Corporation.

SRI T.B. JAYACHANDRA.—Sir, I wish to call the attention of the Hon. Minister for Co-operation to the failure of paddy crops in Tumkur District due to supply of defective Jaya seeds by the Karnataka Seeds Corporation

SRI H.C. SRIKANTIAH (Minister for Co-operation).—Sir, I may be permitted to make the statement.